



CSM James Collins

Garrison Command Sergeant Major Fort Riley



Command Sergeant Major James Collins joined the Army in January 1991 and attended basic training, advanced individual training, and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Collins was assigned to 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment where he held the positions of Anti-tank assistant gunner, Anti-tank gunner, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and assistant operations sergeant. CSM Collins deployed to Somalia with 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in October 1993. His next assignment was with the 101st Airborne Division. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry, "Leader Rakkasans", as a Platoon Sergeant in August 2001. In November 2001 he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring freedom and in February 2003 he deployed again with the 101st Airborne Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon redeployment from OIF, CSM Collins was assigned to JRTC, Fort Polk, Louisiana where he served as a trainer-mentor for one year from June 2004 to June 2005 and then as an Infantry First Sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Regiment from July 2005 to August 2006. His next assignment sent him back to Afghanistan from January 2007 to January 2008 as an embedded trainer assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division where he worked with the Afghan Border Patrol in eastern Afghanistan.

CSM Collins was next assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Polk, Louisiana where he served as a Battalion and Brigade Operations Sergeant Major. In October 2010 he deployed again to Logar Province, Afghanistan as the Brigade Operations Sergeant Major and was subsequently appointed as the Command Sergeant Major of the 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment in July 2011.

In January 2012, CSM Collins was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. 3-89CAV deployed to West Point, New York to conduct Cadet Summer Training from May 2012 through August 2012. Upon return, they conducted a rigorous train-up and deployed to Kunar Province, Afghanistan from July 2013 until February 2014.

CSM Collins' assignment previous to Garrison Command Sergeant Major duty was at 1-393, Division West as an Observer, Coach, and Trainer where he trained reserve and National Guard units for overseas deployments.

CSM Collins' military training includes: Airborne School, Ranger School, Jump Master School, Jungle Operations Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff, O/C academy, Combatives, and Air Assault School. His professional military education includes: Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course (distinguished honor graduate), Senior Leaders Course (honor graduate) and Battle Staff. He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy class 59. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in liberal arts with a concentration in management and psychology.

CSM Collins' awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (OLC), Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service Medal (Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

He is married and has one daughter and two sons.